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**Sent:** Fri 2/24/2017 3:42:06 PM

Subject: RE: I-73 MOA

Hi, Kelly – Just following up to see how things have gone on this, and generally check in. All good on the SC front?

From: Laycock, Kelly

**Sent:** Thursday, February 02, 2017 12:44 PM **To:** Hall, Rosemary <Hall.Rosemary@epa.gov>

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Rosemary,

I'm going to add another entry into DARTER before I leave today. SCDOT scheduled a call this morning with me, Corps, SCDNR, FWHA, and SCDHEC. Walker Barrett from Congressman Rice's office was also on the call.

I feel very positive about the call. It appears the agencies' concerns regarding the mitigation plan are being addressed and a revised plan is expected by the end of Feb.

As for the MOA, the parties would be SCDOT, SCDNR, and USACE. The MOA is expected to be a similar agreement to the one that was prepared for the Haile Gold Mine mitigation plan. The applicant (SCDOT) plans to purchase and preserve the mitigation parcel and transfer it into the South Carolina Heritage Trust Program. The long-term steward (SCDNR) will implement the enhancement/restoration portions of the mitigation plan after deed transfer but before commencement of the I-73 project impacts. The MOA will include performance standards and monitoring protocol approved by USACE. The MOA will be included as part of the final mitigation plan submitted for review and approval by the regulatory agencies.

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Hi, Kelly – Tom is anticipated that we'll be asked for more details on the MOA for I-73. Can you let me know the parties to the MOA and the subject matter it addresses so we can be prepared to answer those questions?

Thank you.

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